

Last week was a time when we all should have been celebrating and gathering with our friends and loved ones, giving thanks for all of the blessings in our lives. Instead, six families had empty chairs at their tables.

We must honor and celebrate the memories of Fernando Chavez-Baron, Kellie Pyle, Randy Blevins, Brian Pendleton, Tyneka Johnson, and Lorenzo Gamble.

And as we mourn over 600 other mass shootings in America just this year alone, where communities are also grappling with grief and loss, Chesapeake joins the list of far too many communities forced to bear the unbearable.

Chesapeake is resilient but we can and must do better. I implore every Member of this body and every elected official in the country to do everything in our power to stop the plague of gun violence in our communities.

RECOGNIZING STATE SENATOR JIM NIELSEN ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge my dear friend, State Senator Jim Nielsen of Northern California.

Today is the last day of session in the California State legislature, and it will be the last day of Jim's legislative career, having served in two different segments over 26 years.

Jim is a good friend, a great mentor, and a blessing to all of us in Northern California who he has served with for years; and also in the legislature during his time on the Board of Prison Terms working to keep our streets safer.

Jim is a ranger in Tehama County by way of Sanger, California, near Fresno, who really understands the needs of the North State and its people. So it was indeed a pleasure for me to be able to overlap my time serving in the legislature there and here, out on the hustings in Northern California, as he put it.

I appreciate his friendship. Indeed, Jim is a good man, a man of God who shows Christ's example in his actions and, indeed, that is very, very important in these perilous times that we face.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Jim for stepping forward and serving the people of California with his common sense, with his wisdom that is indeed listened to and heard by all in that legislature and all of us out on the hustings.

May God bless him.

RAIL LABOR

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stand full force behind the rail

workers of our Nation and those of my home State of Ohio.

Rail workers deserve our thanks and respect for the backbreaking work they do 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. But rail chieftains and rail robber barons, who are owned by giant Wall Street companies live high off the hog in salaries and stock awards from the sweat of railroad workers.

Railroad companies operate like oligopolies, putting their selfish interests above our national interests.

No raises for their workers in the last decade?

No paid sick days?

U.S. railroads have become way too big for their own britches.

Last year, railroads earned a record \$20 billion in profits, but they refused to allow their workers 7 paid sick days.

Really? Yes. Greedy and uncaring.

How many paid sick days and vacation days do the rail barons siphon off from the workers?

Owned by faceless absentee Wall Street funds, U.S. railroads have become a national illness.

They treat with equal disdain their workers and the communities that must endure their rude behavior and neglect of rail installations. Shame on them.

Stand with America's rail workers that join our Nation from coast to coast and haul over 40 percent of the goods we move in this Nation.

GREED OF AMERICA'S LARGEST CORPORATIONS

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak briefly about a major issue that has developed over the last couple weeks and has not been covered anywhere near enough by the mainstream media.

As we know, there are demonstrations going on right now in China. People are risking their lives as they try to save their lives from overreaction to the COVID pandemic. But even more, we have a concern with the multiple human rights abuses happening in Red China.

Now, the largest American corporation, Apple computer, in the last month has decided to weigh in strongly for the Communist Chinese Government and prevent airdrop communications between different members of China. Once you cut down communication between people, you all but shut up any dissent.

Apparently Tim Cook, the head of Apple computer, felt his \$99 million salary was not enough and he has to still make more money, so he has to bow to the Chinese Communist Party.

I wish the American media would wake up and alert the American public to the greed of America's largest corporations.

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A RAIL STRIKE WAS AVERTED

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the two pieces of legislation that we just passed, H.J. Res. 100 and H. Con. Res. 119. These two resolutions will now protect the country's rail workers and avoid a crippling freight shutdown.

Most important, they provide 7 days of sick leave for more than 100,000 railroad workers. These workers stayed on the job during COVID-19 to keep food and other essentials on store shelves nationwide. They risked their lives to do so, and their efforts saved lives across the country.

I am very disappointed that the railroads did not reward them for their efforts. But I am proud to say that Congress acted today to do what needed to be done.

No one should have to go to work when they are sick. I know that the owners of the railroad don't.

Thanks to these resolutions, our freight rail workers can take the time needed to protect their health and the health of their colleagues.

PROTECTING NATIVE HAWAIIAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

(Mr. KAHELE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KAHELE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the House to advance S. 7, a bill that would make technical corrections to the Violence Against Women Act to allow Native Hawaiians to benefit from this program.

Not only does the United States Government have a trust responsibility to the Native Hawaiian community, but Native Hawaiians continue to be disproportionately impacted by domestic and sexual violence. Approximately 70 percent of sex trafficking victims and 37 percent of reported child sex trafficking cases in Hawaii are Native Hawaiian women and girls.

Since 2012, Native Hawaiians have not been eligible for these critical resources because of a drafting error. Today, the House has the opportunity to right this wrong. I implore the House to address this issue before the end of the year and send this to the President's desk so that we can correct this injustice and protect all of our indigenous women and girls.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUTTERFIELD). Pursuant to section 1 of House Resolution 1230, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 1, 2022, at noon.